

SCHLEMMER HAS HOPE OF PEARLS AT LAYSAN ISLE

Says Valuable Shell Can Be Located With Diving Apparatus; May Form Company

Capt. Max Schlemmer, former "King of Laysan Island," and recently brought back from the outlying islet group by order of the United States government, cherishes the hope some day of gathering from the shallow Laysan waters a harvest of pearls and pearl-shell.

A report that Captain Schlemmer hoped to organize a company and search the waters for pearls was confirmed yesterday by the captain himself, though he says little progress is being made toward the formation of a company for this purpose.

"Years ago I had hoped to get pearls and pearl-shell there," he said yesterday, "and there was at that time in Honolulu a famous old sea captain who knew just where the shell was to be found. I had my plans made to secure from him the exact location. But when I went to see him here, I found him in very low health and a short time later he died. The secret may have been lost then, but I believe with proper diving apparatus the shell could be re-located."

Captain Schlemmer then referred to an inventor of diving apparatus who may be interested in the project. This man, it appears, wished to have the federal government try out his patent diving apparatus at the time the F-4 was lying on the ocean floor outside of Honolulu harbor. Those in charge of the submarine's salvage did not accept his offers, says Schlemmer. His diving apparatus, the captain thinks, would be just the thing for searching the Laysan waters.

From other sources the information comes that the captain has an idea of organizing a company with local capital to go into the pearling business, but Captain Schlemmer indicated yesterday that his proposition is as yet very incomplete.

He expresses much regret that he was taken from Laysan Island, believing that a warden for the birds is needed there. He went to the island hoping that he would be appointed warden, but the appointment did not come. Whether because a letter was sent from Honolulu casting suspicion on his actions and suggesting that he was trying to help the German cause, or for some other reason, he was brought back on the U. S. collier Nerius, upon which orders to the collier at Nagasaki. Captain Schlemmer has emphatically denied any thought of establishing a radio station at Laysan, declaring that the idea is ridiculous, and that he is an American citizen through and through.

MASKED BANDIT STICKS GUN IN TEACHER'S FACE

Masked with a black cloth tied over the upper part of his face, a burglar entered the rooms of Mrs. Johanna K. Mendiola at 546 Halekaua street at 3 o'clock this morning and sticking a revolver in her face forced her to get out of bed and give him her purse, containing \$32.

Mrs. Mendiola, who is a teacher in the "Muriel" free kindergarten, says she was awakened by the man after he entered the room, and immediately complied with his demand to get all the money she had and give it to him. After she handed him the money he left by the door, which he had opened with a skeleton key.

The man was short, stocky and wore a small black mustache. He spoke with a slight accent. Mrs. Mendiola does not know what his nationality is.

Yee Yo Keuk has grown a small black mustache, which turns up like the mustache of the man described by Mrs. Mendiola, but the police are not inclined to believe that Keuk was the man who robbed Mrs. Mendiola.

YUAN TO BECOME CHINA'S EMPEROR AT FIRST OF YEAR

(Special Cable to Hawaii Shipper) TOKIO, Dec. 9.—According to a Peking despatch Yuan Shih-Kai has announced that he will become Emperor of China on January 1, 1916. The change in the date is said to be due to the recent action taken by the revolutionists and the successful campaign of the monarchy party against them.

Another Peking despatch states that the Manchus are indignant over the Yuan Shih-Kai plan, and request that the deposed emperor be placed on the throne. The Manchus have always favored the crowning of the 12-year-old boy, who was deposed, and public opinion in Manchuria is said to favor a revolt should Yuan Shih-Kai attempt to take the throne.

A Swiss scientist freezes living fish and revives them weeks later.

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THREE MORE FAT DIVIDENDS ARE DUE THIS MONTH

Three more companies—the Hawaiian Agricultural and the Pepeekeo Sugar Companies, and the Honolulu Brewing and Malting Company—declared big dividends today. Yesterday large dividends were announced by Waiakoa, Ewa, Onomea and C. Brewer & Company.

Hawaiian Agricultural Company today announced a December payment of 5 per cent to be made on December 20. This includes a special dividend of 4 per cent in addition to the regular 1 per cent payment. The dividends paid on the 20th of the month will bring the total of payments for the year up to \$600,000. The December dividend will total \$100,000.

Pepeekeo will pay on December 15 a 6 per cent dividend, of which 1 1/2 is regular and 4 1/2 is special for the month. This makes a total in dividends for the year of 36 per cent, or \$270,000. The December dividend will total \$45,000.

Honolulu Brewing & Malting Company will pay on December 15 a dividend of 60 cents per share, which represents the regular monthly dividend of 30 cents, and also an extra dividend of 30 cents per share. This will make \$15,000.

Dividends for December from the seven companies noted above reach the imposing total of \$610,000.

SPEND NEARLY \$1300 DAILY TO BUY STAMPS

Nearly \$1300 was paid by Honoluluans to the postoffice on Monday, and again on Tuesday, for stamps. Assistant Postmaster Peterson said this morning that stamp sales for the first two days of this week average \$1250 daily. The total for Monday and Tuesday was \$2500, and it is expected that between now and next Wednesday, when the Matsunaka sale, a new high record will be established.

Mail for the Canadian-Australasian liner Makura will close at 10:30 tomorrow morning. The ship sails at noon for Vancouver. Superintendent of Mails Frank T. Sullivan said this morning that he has received a number of telephone calls from Honoluluans who were under the impression that the steamer would not carry parcel-post mail. This belief is incorrect. "I wish you would tell the people of Honolulu that the Makura will carry parcel-post mail," he said. "She will take all kinds of mail for the states except registered, which will have to wait for the Matsunaka, as registered mail cannot be sent on boats not running direct to the United States. The Makura will carry insured parcel-post packages, too."

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XMAS BOXES OF CANDY AT MAY'S

Henry May & Company are displaying an exceptional assortment of the famous candies and chocolates from Lowrey, Sweet and Lehnhardt. All are beautifully boxed, while Lowrey's are in specially designed Christmas boxes. Telephone 1271—Adv.

"BILLIES" TAKEN TO GRAND JURY ROOM AS EVIDENCE OF MUTINY

Three short pieces of hose, one of which was filled at one end with a slug of lead, were taken into the territorial grand jury room this afternoon to be used, it was believed, in that tribunal's investigation of the recent "mutiny" at the Boys' Industrial School at Waiakoa. The "billies" had been carried away by some of the boys at the school, according to City Attorney Brown.

It was believed that the grand jury would investigate the case of Fred Raymond, who is an employee of the Kula sanitarium at Waiakoa, Maui, and who is alleged to have raised a salary check from \$12 to \$20. The case of Ah Sung, charged with an assault with a dangerous weapon, also was believed to have been investigated.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE First Circuit, Territory of Hawaii. At Chambers—in Probate.

In the matter of the estate of J. K. Kapukui, deceased. A document purporting to be the last will and testament of J. K. Kapukui, deceased, having on the 9th day of December, A. D. 1915, been presented to said Probate Court, and a petition for probate thereof, praying for the issuance of letters testamentary to some suitable person having been filed by Wehekeala Pahuole.

It is ordered, that Tuesday, the 4th day of January, A. D. 1916, at 9 o'clock a. m., of said day, at the court room of said court in the Judiciary building in the City and County of Honolulu, be and the same is hereby appointed the time and place for proving said will and hearing said application.

By the court.
J. A. DOMINIS,
Clerk, Circuit Court, First Circuit.
Dated, Honolulu, December 19, 1915.
Eugene K. Aiu, attorney for petitioner.
6341-Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30.

CIVIL SERVICE BODY SUSTAINS ACTION OF ROSE

Chris Holt's Protest Against Being Deprived of Job Will Do Him No Good

Hearing of a protest against Sheriff Charles H. Rose by Chris Holt, mounted police officer, was held today at a noon session of the city civil service commission in the assembly room at the city hall, both the complainant and defendant appearing before the commissioners.

Officer Holt's contention was that he had been treated unfairly by Sheriff Rose, the sheriff having recently asked him to return the badge and keys of office which he carried. Holt's contention was not sustained. The sheriff's action in removing Holt and in placing E. J. Gay in his place was approved.

Questioning of the sheriff and officer brought out the fact that Holt had, of his own accord, tendered his resignation in September, having had an offer from the water department to serve at the beginning of the new year. He stated in his resignation that he could not get along in harmony with his superior officers.

Following the tendering of his resignation, Holt asked that he be allowed to keep on for a month longer in the service this request being granted by the sheriff, as Gay was not yet ready to fill the place. At the end of the month came another similar request, and a similar granting of it by the sheriff, as Gay was still busy.

At the beginning of December, however, Sheriff Rose notified Officer Holt that Gay had taken the position, and asked him to return his badge and keys to the sheriff's department, to which Holt responded as follows:

"I hereby notify you that I am still a mounted police officer, and any action on your part will be protested by me, and I still claim that I am still a mounted police officer, and will perform my duty notwithstanding the order."

Holt claimed today that the sheriff had done him wrong in not letting him stay until the water department job is ready. He admitted that he had never made any formal retraction of his resignation.

Fire Chief C. H. Thurston filed reports of four suspensions in the fire department today as follows: John Brown, driver, for being under the influence of liquor while on duty; H. Murasky, assistant foreman, for neglect of duty; H. Victor, reduced from rank of lieutenant to hoseman for disobeying orders; Manuel Plada, for conduct unbecoming to a fireman. Brown, Murasky and Plada were suspended 15 days each.

SHUTTING OFF WATER HAS BROUGHT \$1000 TO CITY TREASURY

Approximately \$1000 in delinquent water rates has been collected in the last three days from the \$9000 owed the city in the crusade against persons who have not paid their bills into the department. Sixteen persons were deprived of water Tuesday by having their pipes disconnected, eight suffered the same treatment yesterday and up to this afternoon three more had been shut off from the city supply. The system is proving successful in collecting back rates.

MORNING ON 'CHANGE

Apparently the top is not even in sight as yet, so far as sugar stocks are concerned, for the general climb of the entire list is continuing without recessions day by day, under pressure of the big flood of buying orders, now that the retention of the sugar duty is an openly avowed policy of the administration, and is meeting with no opposition. McBryde has touched \$9.50 during the last 24 hours and Olaa is 8 7/8. Waiakoa has jumped to \$27, with Ewa at the same figure, and practically every other active issue shows proportionate gains. With the sugar industry in so strong a position and prices holding above 5 in New York, bond buyers are plentiful. Oahu Sugar 6 per cent have touched \$107.50, McBryde 5s are at par and Olaa 6s have risen nearly \$10 each in the last 10 days and today were briskly in demand at \$99. Bond purchases within the last 24 hours totaled just \$35,000.

PERSONALITIES

HENRY W. KINNEY, superintendent of public instruction, went to Waiakoa, this island, today on business.

CHIEF ENGINEER BURKS of the U. S. S. Alert, the submarine tender at Pearl Harbor, will leave tomorrow on the collier Nerius for San Francisco. He has been ordered to report for duty on the navy's receiving ship there.

BY AUTHORITY. SEALED TENDERS.

Sealed tenders will be received by the Hawaii Loan Fund Commission up to 10 a. m., Thursday, 6th day of January, 1916, for the construction of the Kukula Section of the Belt Road, in Hamakua, County of Hawaii.

Plans, specifications and blank forms of proposals are on file in the office of A. J. Williamson, Engineer to the Commission, Lucas Block, Hilo, Hawaii, and in the office of the Superintendent of Public Works, Honolulu. The Commission reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

J. M. ROSS,
Chairman, Hawaii Loan Fund Commission.
6341-11

PERFECT SCORES MADE BY THREE OF SUBMARINES

K Boats Come Through Annual 48 Hour Endurance Run With Flying Colors

Three of the four boats of the K flotilla, the third submarine division, made perfect scores in the recent 48-hour endurance run held last week. It was learned from an authoritative source.

In order to make a perfect score the requirements are that a submarine must maintain a certain number of engine revolutions per minute for 48 hours, without stopping. Which of the boats of the K flotilla it was that failed to make a perfect score would not be stated by officers of the flotilla, who said the boat in question had come within a very few points of making as good a record as her sister "wasps."

Starting from Pearl Harbor a week ago today at 10:30 in the morning, the K-3, K-4, K-7 and K-8, the four undersea raiders comprising the K flotilla, left their base at Magazine island and headed for the open sea, all their crews in high spirits and glad to relieve the monotony of the daily routine in port.

Lieut. Okan in Command. Lieut. Joseph V. Ogan, commander of the division, was in charge of his flagship, the K-7, his assistant, Lieut. H. D. Bode, also being on board as second in command.

On the other boats of the flotilla were their commanding officers, as follows:

K-4, Lieut. J. P. Olding, commanding Ensign E. J. O'Keefe, assistant to commanding officer.

K-8, Lieut. J. W. Lewis, commanding; Ensign C. B. Byrne, assistant.

K-3, Lieut. F. T. Chew, commanding; Lieut. N. L. Kirk, assistant.

The K-4 and K-3 had a complement of 29 men each, while the K-7 and K-8 had their full complement of 28 men each, on board.

From Pearl Harbor the flotilla headed out to sea, where a course was followed which led the submarines to a point off the island of Molokai. Headed For Maui.

After navigating in that vicinity for several hours, giving the crews an opportunity to see the scenery of the island from offshore, Lieut. Ogan gave orders to head for Maui. The return trip was made from a point on the other side of the Valley Island.

Seasickness troubled a few men of the submarines' crews, while the boats were plunging through the choppy seas encountered when the flotilla came out of the lee of protecting islands and plowed through water where waves and winds did their worst.

While the submarines were away the crew of the submarine tender Alert put in the time coaling ship, a job which, while more productive of dirty faces, was considered by the Alert's men as preferable to being churned around in the undersea raiders. This week has been spent in cleaning up and making preparation for target practice.

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UNITED CHINESE SOCIETY'S OLD FIGHT REVIVED

Election of officers of the United Chinese Society, which was to have been held today at the Chinese Society's hall, was postponed when Judge Stuart in the circuit court issued a temporary restraining order against the holding of the election. The injunction papers were served on many of the prominent Chinese members this morning.

The restraining order, which was applied for by the opposition part of the society, who might be called the "Outs," brings up the fight of two years ago when the "Outs" tried to prevent an election and a row occurred between the factions. The police were called, and the matter was finally taken into the courts. The factions have been quarrelling since that time and the restraining order issued today brings up the question once more.

The temporary order issued prevents the officers of the Chinese societies from holding an election pending settlement in court. The officers of the society at the present time are: Yee Yap, president; Lou Fong, vice president, and Lee Lew, secretary.

KAIMUKI IMPROVERS WILL MEET TONIGHT

Waiakoa, Kaimuki and Palolo Improvement Club is called for the annual nomination session and general business at 7:30 this evening at Liliuokalani school. Besides nominating officers for 1916 the club may take some action with regard to street improvement schemes for the district.

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QUEEN EXPECTED AT DE FOLCO CONCERT

Queen Liliuokalani is expected to be present tonight at the De Folco concert at the Opera House. Mrs. de Folco called on the queen this morning with the compliments of the singer and herself and extended the invitation to be present tonight, and as the queen retains her love for singing, it is hoped that she will be in her box tonight.

The women's section of the Navy League holding its first annual meet-

ing at Washington effected a permanent organization and voted to enlist a million members by January to aid in the campaign for national preparedness.

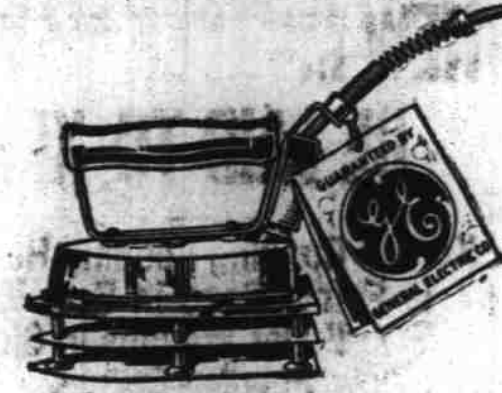
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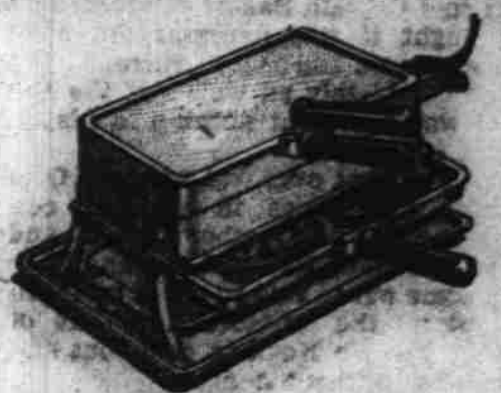
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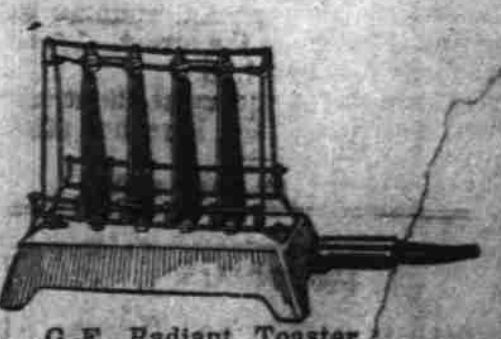
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